

# Middletown Quarterly Update

October 2024

## Message from the Burgess

Another typical summer in Middletown - hazy, hot and humid!

Yet it was an enjoyable summer with events designed to build a sense of community and belonging here like Vintage Vehicles in the Valley, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration by the Middletown Rec Council and the Farmer's Market. By the time you read this we will have celebrated another Middletown Heritage Festival - our great signature community event. Next is the ever popular Scarecrow March Down Main. Come downtown and do the Scarecrow Walk and participate in more enhanced activities for this event. Mark December 7th to experience a slice of small-town Americana and our Christmas in the Valley. Check out our website for more events and information.

I am so thankful for the supportive and dynamic community we have in this town! All this leads us to be a busy community as well! We now have an Over 55 Community Center (in the old library), a new library on East Green Street, several new downtown businesses, and we are looking forward to Aleko's moving downtown into the old post office building.

I am sure you enjoy staying here to do business, to dine out, or exercise in our parks and not have to travel over the mountain!

I look forward to a wonderful fall season in Middletown! I hope you do too!

## Town News and Information

### Water & Sewer Rates Increase

On June 10, 2024 the Burgess and Commissioners amended Section 13.12.060 of the Municipal Code to increase the water/sewer rates 3%. The new rates are as follows and are reflected on the September 2024 bill:

#### RESIDENTIAL RATES:

0-3,000 gal.	\$80.63
3,001-25,000 gal.	\$11.43 per 1,000
25,001-30,000 gal.	\$17.10 per 1,000
30,001-35,000 gal.	\$22.85 per 1,000
35,001-40,000 gal.	\$34.24 per 1,000
40,001-45,000 gal.	\$39.92 per 1,000
45,001-50,000 gal.	\$45.69 per 1,000
50,001-55,000 gal.	\$68.50 per 1,000
55,001-60,000 gal.	\$85.65 per 1,000
60,001-65,000 gal.	\$102.75 per 1,000
65,001-70,000 gal.	\$119.85 per 1,000
70,001-75,000 gal.	\$137.01 per 1,000
75,001 gal. & above	\$154.13 per 1,000

#### NON-RESIDENTIAL RATES:

3/4"	3,000 gal.	\$80.63
1"	4,200 gal.	\$112.79
1.5"	5,400 gal.	\$145.04
2"	8,700 gal.	\$233.69
3"	33,000 gal.	\$886.50
4"	42,000 gal.	\$1,128.26
6"	63,000 gal.	\$1,692.41
8"	87,000 gal.	\$2,337.09

For each 1,000 gallon over the base will be \$11.43 per 1,000 gallon.

### Capital Improvement Fee Increase

The Burgess and Commissioners also approved a \$2.50 increase on the Capital Improvement Fee. The fee per quarter is now **\$55.00**.



### Town Planner, Cindy Unangst, Retiring

After 19 years of working with the fantastic staff and for the wonderful residents of Middletown, it is time for me to hit the road and settle down in Georgia to be closer to my daughter. I'm proud of the work I have done here in Middletown, but it certainly was a group effort with such a dedicated, supportive group of co-workers and committee/commission members.

I appreciate the hard work of the Planning Commission members over the years for their dedication and effort on the two Comprehensive Plan updates that were completed during my time here. We can be proud of our work on the Cross Stone Commons shopping center, the Middletown Glen subdivision, the new fire station, the Putnam Plumbing building, Old Town Villas subdivision on Broad Street, Miller Property development, the Fire Company Activities Building, the Valley School development, Coblentz Grove Villas subdivision, Memorial Hall renovation, the new library, and so much more.

As for helping to lead the Town to our Sustainable Maryland Certified designation and all that has come from that...wow! We are blessed to have such an amazing Sustainability Committee here in Middletown. Over the past 8-9 years, the committee has earned the Town the additional designations of being a Tree City, a Bee City and a Bird City. Dozens of Green Talks have been held in conjunction with the Middletown Library. Hundreds of pollinator plants have been planted around Town and most notably at the Pollinator Garden at Memorial Park. A community compost bin was installed and a tree identification trail established. Over two thousand trees have been planted through grant programs the Town has been involved with just since 2019! Enormous amounts of recyclable materials have been prevented from being put in the trash through our recycling events.

As I move on to the next chapter, I will carry with me the lessons and friendships I've gained here. Thank you all for everything.



# Middletown

## Monthly Public Town Meetings

**Town Workshop**  
First Thursday, 7:00 PM

**Town Meetings**  
Second Monday, 7:00 PM  
Fourth Monday, 7:00 PM

**Planning Commission**  
Third Monday, 7:00 PM

**Town Board & Planning Commission**  
Quarterly

## Elected Officials

**Burgess**  
John Miller

**Commissioners**  
Larry Bussard  
Rick Dietrick  
Jennifer Falcinelli  
Christopher Goodman  
Kevin Stottlemeyer

## Trash Pick Up

**Tuesday:**  
Yard Waste (April-Dec.)

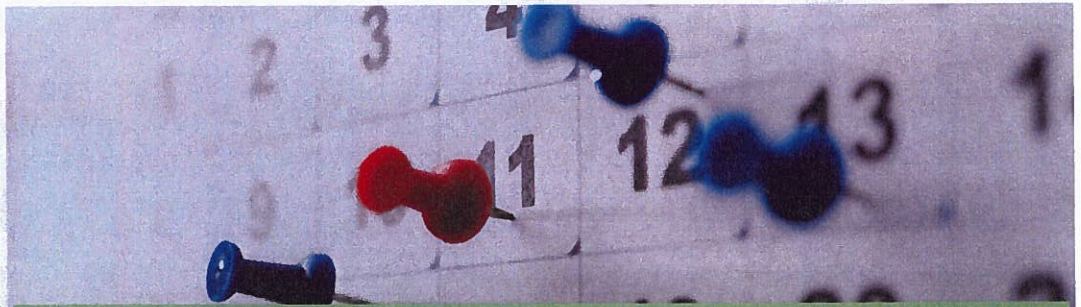
**Wednesday:**  
Trash pick-up (weekly)  
Recycling (bi-weekly)

## Middletown Municipal Center

31 W. Main Street  
301.371.6171  
Fax: 301-371-6464

**Town Administrator**  
Paul Mantello  
office@ci.middletown.md.us

**Emergency**  
301-293-3818



## Important dates and information....

### Hydrant Flushing

Town fire hydrants will be flushed October 7 - 11, 2024. Flushing will occur between the hours of 9am.-2pm. You may experience fluctuations in pressure and sediment in the water. Please plan ahead and limit water usage during this time. If you have not signed up for ALERT Frederick County please do so on the homepage of our website. This will notify you of when things like hydrant flushing or water line breaks occur.

### Bulk Trash Pick-Up

October 19, 2024 will be the next bulk trash pick-up. You may place 2 items out at the curb for pick-up. For a complete list, please visit our website at [www.middletown.md.us](http://www.middletown.md.us) In the drop down under Town Government, click on Trash News and then Bulk Trash.

### Middletown's Recycle Paint, Textiles Metals & More Event

Also on Saturday, October 19th from 9am – 12pm, plan to bring your metals, used clothing, batteries, electronics and old paint cans to the municipal parking lot behind the municipal building at 31 West Main Street. Please see the Town's website, [www.middletown.md.us](http://www.middletown.md.us), for more information.

### Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

The Frederick County Dept. of Solid Waste Management will sponsor a Residential Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event on October 12, 2024 from 8am. until 12pm at 21 Stadium Drive, Frederick. (upper parking lot of NYMEO Field/Keys baseball Stadium. Use the New Design Road entrance). Visit the Town's website for more information..

**Seventeenth Annual "Scarecrow Contest"** - Beginning September 30, 2024, **Main Street Middletown** will have scarecrow kits available during regular business hours (8am.-4pm.) at the Municipal Center. Kits are available first come, first served. Completed scarecrows are due back at the Municipal Center by October 18, 2024 and will be on display along Main Street from October 19th - 31st, 2024.



**"March of Scarecrows"** - Come in and vote for your favorite scarecrow on October 19, 2024 from 12-4pm, at the Middletown Municipal Center. There will be snacks, music and other spectacular activities to enjoy

**Halloween Parade** - Dress in costume and march down Green Street in Middletown's annual Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 26th at 5:00 PM. Costume judging will be held at the School complex promptly at 4:30 PM before the parade. Candy and light refreshments will be handed out after the parade behind the municipal center. Come enjoy the fun!

**Christmas in the Valley** - We invite you to join us in celebrating the holiday season at Middletown's annual Christmas in the Valley on Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 4:00 PM. Festivities include caroling, roasting marshmallows, the lighting of the Town Christmas tree, a visit from Santa Claus with treats for the kids, story time with Mrs. Claus and then Christmas music at Zion Lutheran Church. After the show join us for punch and Christmas cookies in the church social hall. Those mischievous elves will be hiding in our business's windows for the month of December - be sure to participate in the elf hunt! Santa Claus will also have a mailbox in front of Town Hall for those letters to Santa!



**17th Series Collector's Ornament** - The 2024 Christmas in the Valley ornament depicts the beautiful sunrises over Braddock Mountain. This ornament features the historic buildings that line West Main Street, the steeples of both Zion Lutheran and Christ Reformed churches, and even Middletown's water tower! Perched on the greenery surrounding the ornament is Middletown's signature bird, the Baltimore Oriole, named after Lord Baltimore, who founded Maryland. This ornament is for sale at the town booth at the Heritage Festival and at the town hall during normal business hours. \$30 includes stand and gift box. All proceeds help fund the event!